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GOVERNMENT FIGHTS ILLEGAL SALT PRODUCTION; SHANTUNG, HOPEH REPORT GOOD OUTPUT

TIGHTENS CONTROL OVER SALT -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 21 Mar 50

Peiping, 19 March (Hsin-hua) -- The Administration Council of the Central People's government has instructed all regional and subsidiary governments to tighten control over the production and sale of local contraband salt to prevent interference with the marketing of government monopoly salt. At present, about 100,000 catties of salt are illegally produced daily alorg the coast near T'ang-shan in Hopeh Province alone. This illegal traffic greatly interferes with the sale of government salt and reduces government revenue.

The government has also instructed the regional governments to persuade local illegal salt producers to find other means of livelihood. If none can be found, the regional governments should adopt some measures for their relief.

SHANTUNG SALT FIELDS MAKE RECORD -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 26 May 50

Tsingtao, 25 May (Hsin-hua) -- The more than 80,000 mou of the Chiao-Ao salt fields in the area around Chiao hou-wan, Shantung, from 1 March to 15 May 1950, produced over 710,000 piculs of salt. This exceeded the 3 months goal for March, April, and May.

TAKU PRODUCES SUPERIOR SAIT -- Shanghai Hain-wen Jih-pao, 20 Apr 50

Tientsin, 19 April (Hsin-hua) -- The Ch'ang-lu Salt Control Bureau announced on 10 April the collection of the first batch of salt in 1950 at the state-operated salt fields near Taku, Hopeh Province. Production amounted to about 100,000 piculs of large white crystals. Analysis showed that the salt contained not less than 93 percent of sodium chloride; the best of it contained as high as 96.3 percent sodium chloride.

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